#### **Minutes**

# Special Session of the College Park City Council Council Chambers March 2, 2010 9:14 p.m. – 9:32 p.m.

Present: Mayor Fellows; Councilmembers Wojahn, Nagle, Catlin, Perry, Stullich,

Cook, and Afzali.

Absent: Councilmember Mitchell.

Also Present: Joe Nagro, City Manager; Suellen Ferguson, City Attorney; Janeen Miller,

City Clerk; Bob Stumpff, Director of Public Works; Terry Schum, Director

of Planning; Elisa Vitale, Senior Planner; Jill Clements, Director of

Human Resources; Jonathan Sachs, Student Liaison; Becca Lurie, Deputy

Student Liaison.

During a regularly scheduled Worksession of the College Park City Council, a motion was made by Councilmember Afzali and seconded by Councilmember Stullich to enter into a Special Session to take action on legislative items. The possibility of the Special Session was advertised on the Worksession agenda. The motion passed 6-1-0 (Councilmember Perry opposed) and the Council entered Special Session at 9:14 p.m.

### **Action Items:**

10-G-31 Support for HB 763 – Real Property – Restrictions – Clotheslines or Other Similar Laundry Drying Devices

A motion was made by Councilmember Afzali and seconded by Councilmember Wojahn to send a letter in support of House Bill 763, Real Property – Restrictions – Clotheslines or Other Similar Laundry Drying Devices.

Councilmember Perry lamented that the General Assembly had to take time to address clotheslines, but if it is necessary to tell people where to place a clothesline, we better do it.

The motion passed 7-0-0.

10-G-32 Support for HB 808 / SB 582 Religious Freedom and Civil Marriage Protection Act

A motion was made by Councilmember Wojahn and seconded by Councilmember Afzali to send a letter in support of HB 808 / SB 582 Religious Freedom and Civil Marriage Protection Act.

Councilmember Wojahn plans to testify in support of this bill.

Councilmember Afzali voiced his support for this bill.

The motion passed 6-1-0 (Perry opposed).

# 10-G-33 Support for HB 1014/SB 720 – Clean Energy Loan Programs

A motion was made by Councilmember Wojahn and seconded by Councilmember Afzali to send a letter in support of HB 1014/SB 720 – Clean Energy Loan Programs, and requesting that additional language be added to the bill stating that Prince George's County be required to put the lien on the County tax bill and that the City be enabled to collect the debt through a forced sale.

There was discussion about the proposed amendments and the mechanisms needed at the County level to allow this to work.

#### Comments from the audience:

**Matt Dernoga, UMD student**: Thanked the Council for their support and addressed the proposed amendments: he offered to bring in someone from the County that does the billing to address the Council, and said he was satisfied with the explanation from Del. Hecht's office about the how the billing would work. He added that he also asked Del. Hecht's office to add water efficiency to the bill.

**Hilary Staver, UMD student**: Encouraged anyone who is interested to come and testify on the bill.

Councilmember Stullich suggested we schedule a Worksession discussion to plan the implementation strategy of this program.

The motion passed 6-1-0 (Perry opposed).

# Adjourn:

A motion was made by Councilmember Afzali and seconded by Councilmember Perry to adjourn the Special Session. Mayor Fellows adjourned the Special Session at 9:32 p.m. with a vote of 7-0-0.

Janeen S. Miller, CMC Approved
City Clerk